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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: RETURN OF MIG 25

1. REMARKS BY FONMIN MIYAZAWA AT PRESS BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 7 INDICATE FOREIGN OFFICE MAY BE RETHINKING INFORMAL FONOFF POSITION THAT EARLY RETURN OF MIG 25 WOULD BE NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS. MIYAZAWA APPARENTLY SAID THAT PLANE WOULD NOT BE RETURNED WHILE INVESTIGATIONS WERE GOING ON, ADDING IT WAS NOT THE STAGE FOR DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS TO RETURN THE PLANE SINCE A TERRITORIAL INFRINGEMENT AND VIOLATION OF JAPANESE LAW WERE INVOLVED.

2. FONMIN OFFICIALS HAVE ADVISED US THAT FONOFF DOES IN FACT INTEND TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT SITUATION. WE ARE UNABLE TO THINK OF ANY EXAMPLE OF A COMMUNIST AIR-CRAFT BEING RETURNED WHEN FLOWN IN BY DEFECTOR -- CASES IN FRG, DENMARK, AND KOREA COME TO MIND.

3. IN CONSULTATION WITH USFJ, WE HAVE EMPHASIZED TO MOFA HIGH INTELLIGENCE VALUE OF MIG-25 AND IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO ITS EXAMINATION. WE URGED THAT GOJ GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HOLDING PLANE LONG ENOUGH TO PERMIT

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THOROUGH INVESTIGATION. DEFATT HAS MADE SIMILAR APPEALS

TO JDA. YAMAZAKI (DIRGEN, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU) SAID HE
WOULD GIVE FULL WEIGHT TO OUR VIEWS BUT WAS OTHERWISE NON-
COMMITTAL. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES TO FOLLOW UP THESE APPROACHES,
WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTION SOONEST TOGETHER WITH ANY
INFORMATION ON PRECEDENTS THAT MAY BE OF USE.
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